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TO RWANDA

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1. BRITISH OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION ISSUED UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWING UPDATED FACT SHEET JULY 29 ON UK HUMANITARIAN
AID TO RWANDA. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE
DISPATCH OF 600 TROOPS FOR UNAMIR ANNOUNCED AUGUST 1
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### **BEGIN TEXT:**

2. BRITAIN'S CONTRIBUTION NOW OVER 50 MILLION POUNDS STERLING: 28 MILLION POUNDS STERLING BILATERAL

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EMERGENCY AID AND 22 MILLION POUNDS STERLING AS UK SHARE OF EC AID.

- 3. INCLUDES 10 MILLION POUNDS STERLING, FOR UN AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, ANNOUNCED ON 26 JULY DURING BARONESS CHALKER'S VISIT TO NORTHERN RWANDA. A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF THIS MONEY TO BE USED IN RWANDA TOWARDS RESETTLEMENT OF RWANDANS -- HEALTHCARE, SEEDS, TOOLS AND WATER SUPPLIES. FORMS PART OF UK RESPONSE TO UN APPEAL TO BE DISCUSSED AT UN DONOR'S CONFERENCE ON 2 AUGUST.
- 4. DURING HER VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMPS NEAR GOMA ON ZAIRE/RWANDA BORDER ON 28 JULY, LADY CHALKER SAW AT FIRST HAND THE WORK OF BRITISH AID INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH NGOS AND UN OFFICIALS.
- 5. LADY CHALKER ALSO VISITED BYUMBA IN NORTHERN RWANDA ON 26 JULY DURING HER VISIT TO UGANDA/RWANDA (25-29 JULY) AND MET RPF MINISTER OF REHABILITATION AND THE UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER (GENERAL DALLAIRE).

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6. THE ODA CONTINUING TO MONITOR SITUATION CLOSELY:
TWO ASSESSMENT MISSIONS SENT TO REGION. SAW AT FIRST
HAND THE SCALE OF CRISIS AND ORDERED IMMEDIATE AIRLIFT.
A FURTHER MISSION IS TO VISIT RWANDA SHORTLY.

- 7. FIVE ODA RELIEF FLIGHTS SENT CONTAINING VEHICLE, PERSONNEL, BLANKETS, PLASTIC SHEETING AND WATER CARRIERS.
- 8. ODA CARGO HANDLING TEAM, BASED ON MWANZA IN TANZANIA, HAS BEEN REDEPLOYED TO GOMA TO ASSIST WITH THE AIRLIFT OPERATION ON BEHALF OF UNHCR. THREE ODA-FUNDED UNHCR LOGISTICIANS ARE IN GOMA SUPPORTING UN EMERGENCY PROGRAMME.
- 9. AT REQUEST OF UNHCR, HAVE SUPPLIED SECOND CARGO HANDLING TEAM TO BE LOCATED AT ENTEBBE, UGANDA.
- 10. THE ODA IS FUNDING THE COST OF TWO AIRCRAFT (ILYUSHIN 76 AND ANTONOV 12) FOR UNHCR TO USE IN THE REGION FOR ONE MONTH TO COLLECT AND DELIVER PRIORITY LOADS.
- 11. THE ODA IS SUPPLYING THE UN WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

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WITH 5,000 TONNES OF HIGH ENERGY BISCUITS FROM THE UK AND TRANSPORT FOR THE FIRST 500 TONNES.

12. UK EMERGENCY AID HAS BEEN CHANNELLED MAINLY THROUGH UNHCR, SEVERAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS.

ON 23 JULY, THE ODA ANNOUNCED 6.5 MILLION POUNDS 13. UNCLASSIFIED

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LONDON 12185 021653Z PAGE 04 STERLING PACKAGE OF AID LARGELY TO HELP NGOS.

A NUMBER OF BRITISH NGOS ARE MOBILISING RESOURCES AND ORGANISING THEIR OWN PROJECTS IN THE GOMA AREA. ODA IS PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIS (EG FUNDED FIVE RELIEF FLIGHTS FOR BRITISH RED CROSS TO GOMA AND 1 ILLION POUNDS STERLING FOR OXFAM FOR WATER SUPPLY). ODA FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR CAMP MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND WATER AND SANITATION.

END TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

15. NOTE: FCO RWANDA DESKOFF MENTIONED TO US SEPARATELY THAT ODA WOULD BE SENDING A TEAM TO KIGALI DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8 TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF ORPHANED CHILDREN. BPS 1.5 MILLION IS AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT THROUGH "SAVE THE CHILDREN". CROWE

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